

CREATIVE BEGINNINGS

December 1, 2001

The Honorable J. Frederick Motz
Chief Judge
United States District Court for the District of Maryland
101 West Lombard Street
Baltimore, MD 21201

Dear Judge Motz:

As a teacher in public and private schools for over 30 years, I believe the proposed settlement reached by the Microsoft Corporation and the class suing it for antitrust abuses in product pricing is a good idea. I hope you will give it the approval of the court.

Many schools will have to tighten their belts as the economy becomes more and more an issue. In the neediest communities, this will mean that administrators simply won't have the necessary resources to make much needed updates to school computer systems and technology.

That is why this settlement is so important. It would help counteract some of the forced cut backs on schools in low-income communities. In fact in some cases, it may give teachers a chance to provide the kind of technology education that is sometimes only available in more affluent school districts.

The provisions regarding grants to schools, software upgrades, free technical support, training, and assistance, and help in paying for refurbished computer systems will be an incredible help to many teachers. It could really give them the tools they need to help make a difference in the lives of their students.

I urge you to approve this agreement as it will help teachers provide an excellent education in our neediest communities.

Sincerely,



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